

May 3, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

On this week when Mother Nature is sending us showers, we shower you with the love of Christ Jesus.

Pastor Becky has returned from her three week sabbatical. She will take the final three weeks of her sabbatical in late June into July. Becky thanks you for the gift of this time off to rejuvenate.

With Pastor Becky back in the saddle, Daily Devotions have returned. She leads devotions via Facebook Live at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday. If you are unable to login at this time, you can access the devotions at a later time on the St. Paul Facebook page.

This Sunday morning in worship, our children and youth will lead the 10:15 worship service. Also during this service, we will honor our high school graduates and recognize our Sunday School teachers and youth leaders. As always, this service will be offered in print via this mailing, livestreamed via Facebook Live and in-person.

As a gentle reminder, we ask that if you plan to worship in the sanctuary, please remain masked for the duration of the service in order that we might keep each other safe. Even if you are fully vaccinated, our call as Christians is to love God and love neighbor. Wearing your mask demonstrates our love of others. We thank you for your cooperation.

We tentatively are planning on having a work day in the Community Garden on Saturday, May 15. Time is yet to be determined. We are hoping to have the dirt for the beds delivered by then. We will need help putting the dirt into the garden beds and possibly planting. know.

On Sunday, June 6, we will dedicate the St. Paul Playground during worship with a reception in the playground following worship.

Included in this mailer is a giving envelope. Your ongoing financial support of St. Paul Church keeps the many ministries and missions going strong.

Thank you for your faithfulness to St. Paul Church! Together we are the Body of Christ in this community.

Grace and Peace,



Roland Dicke
Council President



Myra Hanenkraft
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of May 3, 2021

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$4,383.33 (weekly)
Endowment Transfers \$10,124.00(ytd)
Income \$115,449.63 (ytd)
Expenses \$113,148.99 (ytd)
Balance \$2,300.64 (ytd)

Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37
Income \$6,456.00(ytd)
Endowment Income \$1,556.01(ytd)
Expenses \$4,438.64 (ytd)
Balance \$77,217.74 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20
Income \$5,959.00 (ytd)
Expenses \$5,698.54 (ytd)
Balance \$6,510.66
BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15
Bless Pantry Inc. \$11,621.00(ytd)
Bless Pantry Ex. \$3,116.11(ytd)
BP Balance \$16,386.04

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$831.00(weekly)
Income \$10,121.00 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$0.00(weekly)
Balance \$3,011.00(ytd)

MAY 9, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Love one another.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 15:9-17	Love one another
Monday	Acts 10:44-48	Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	1 John 5:1-6	Faith conquers the world
Wednesday	Romans 12:9-21	Love with sincerity
Thursday	Luke 24:44-53	Jesus ascends to heaven
Friday	Leviticus 19:17-18, 33-36	Ritual and moral holiness
Saturday	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise
Sunday	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
John 15:12 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious and loving God, give us the faith and courage to love one another as you have loved us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Almighty God, we thank you for this food; may it strengthen us to love others as you have loved us through Christ Jesus. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May your love for God and one another give you joy that knows no end.



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MAY 9, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Oh, Sing to the Lord



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What makes it easy to love others? What makes it hard?
- How does Jesus' unconditional love show us the importance of loving others?
- How does Jesus' life, death, and resurrection show us what true love is all about?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 15:9-17.

This passage intimately connects a relationship of Jesus and "the Father" with Jesus' own followers. The relationship is woven together through the language of commandments and love, and the two are brought together in verse 12: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." The Gospel of John does not have the "Great Commandment" dialog as in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. However, the theme here is the same: love God and love neighbor. The emphasis in John is that love is the way to have an enduring relationship with God and with brothers and sisters in the faith, those whom Jesus calls "friends." The word for friends in Greek is "loved ones." Love—not judgment and ridicule—is how Jesus relates to us. It is how we, as Jesus' friends, are to approach the world so that our joy may be complete. How does love change our relationship with others? How does a commitment to love others change us?

Pray: **Loving God, we thank you for showing us the depth of your love for us through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

In the Bible, love is more than an emotion. Love is a commitment to care for others with our whole being. Conflict can get in the way of this love. Bringing God into our conflicted relationships can be a difference maker. This week think of those you have a conflict or tensions with, and pray to God for a clean and loving heart to reconcile your relationships.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The theme this week is "Love one another." May 9 is observed as Mother's Day in the United States. Reflect on the women in your life who have loved and cared for you. Think or talk about what you learned from them and how you show love to others. Pray: **Dear God, thank you for your love. Thank you for [name women who have cared for you]. Give us courage to love all people as you have loved us. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org



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Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior. May every blessing be yours.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Church-On July 23, 2020 Governor DeWine mandated mask wearing in public, including houses of worship. Masks are essential to help keep those around us safe. Thank you for cooperating.

May 9, 2021

Mother's Day

High School Senior Recognition

Sunday School/Youth Leader Recognition

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Sunday School and Youth

Dick Hudson

Cheyenne Olt

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Worship Leaders

Organist

Accompanist/Vocalist

PRELUDE

GREETING AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES: As we light the altar and Christ candles, you are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

(adapted from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Leader: We are delighted to recognize high school graduates of St. Paul Church. It is a privilege to affirm these members of our congregation who have completed this milestone and move with great expectations to another.

Our 2021 High School Seniors are:

Madison Clem

Austin Moeller

Luke Davidson

Elyssa Mullins

Wyatt Dicke

Correy Nelson

Estella Hainline

Logan Opperman

Mitchell Hays

Caitlin Puthoff

Griffin Huber

Eli Schmitmeyer

Wyatt Miller

Carson Wyatt

Leader: Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new adventures, be mindful of your grounding in faith and of your vocation to serve God in all your life's work and accomplishments. Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless your servants with gifts and skills for service. We particularly thank you today for these high school graduates. As they begin the next phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in the experiences they encounter.

Bless also the parents and families of these students who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence as they launch their young adults into the world for study and service. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Friend. Amen.

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the
jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter
who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the
jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to worship,

People: And we come,

Leader: Some with laughter and songs of joy. God calls us to worship,

People: And we come,

Leader: Some from a sense of obligation or habit. God calls us to worship,

People: And we come,

Leader: Some with hearts heavy with grief. God calls us to worship,

People: And we come,

Leader: Some with eagerness and enthusiasm. God calls us to worship,

People: And we come,

Leader: As God's dearly loved children, we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope,

People: Into this place of Spirit-given grace, love and hope. Let us worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Every Morning Is Easter Morning

Every Morning Is Easter Morning

Words and Music by
Richard Kinsey Avery
and Donald Stuart Marsh

B \flat F 7 B \flat

Ev - 'ry morn - ing is Eas - ter morn - ing from now on!

5 Cm F 7 Last time to Coda \oplus

Ev - 'ry day's res - ur - rec - tion day, the past is o - ver and gone!

9 E \flat maj 7 Dm Cm 7 F 7

1. Good - bye guilt, good-bye fear, good rid-dance! Hel - lo Lord, hel - lo sun!
2. Dai - ly news is so bad it seems the Good News sel - dom gets heard.
3. Yes - ter - day I was bored and lone - ly; But to - day look and see!

13 B \flat Gm 7

I am one of the Eas - ter peo - ple!
Get it straight from the Eas - ter peo - ple!
I be - long to the Eas - ter peo - ple!

15 C⁹ 1, 2. F⁷ 3. F⁷ D.C. al Coda

My new life has be - gun! me!
God's in charge! Spread the word!
Life's ex - cit - ing to

18 Coda B \flat F⁷ B \flat F⁷

Ev - 'ry morn - ing is Eas - ter morn-ing, ev - 'ry morn - ing is Eas - ter morn-ing,

22 B \flat F⁷

ev - 'ry morn - ing is Eas - ter morn - ing,

24 Cm F⁷ B \flat

from now on!

INVOCATION (in unison)

Lord God, we love you. We trust you. We believe in you. We know that Jesus loves us and died for us. We know that you never leave us. Today, we celebrate together because of everything you have done for us! Amen.

HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl Hal - le -

lu - jahl Hal - le - lu - jahl

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in the key of D major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line is the vocal melody with lyrics 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl'. The second line is a piano accompaniment with lyrics 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl' and includes chord markings: C, Am7, and D7. The third line is another piano accompaniment with lyrics 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl Hal - le -' and includes chord markings: C, D, G, D, and Em. The fourth line is a piano accompaniment with lyrics 'lu - jahl Hal - le - lu - jahl'.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER/YOUTH LEADER RECOGNITION

(adapted from the United Church of Christ)

Leader: We are delighted to recognize and affirm with deep appreciation the outstanding, faithful, and dedicated commitment of our teachers/youth leaders to the teaching task. We thank you now and offer you praise for the educational ministry of:

Hannah Blanke

Haley Dicke

Katie Dietrich

Morgan Felver

Kim Hemmelgarn

Emily Langenkamp

Mimi Messick

Terri Mullins

Kristen Nelson

Jeff Paul

Emily Shelby

Shelly Smart

Michelle Voress

Neal Voress

Lisa Weigandt

Leader: We thank you, O God, for the ministry of education. Let us pray. Gentle and Loving God, through the ministry of teaching we learn

about you, your creation of humankind, your trust in us to be your people, and your expectation that we will be responsible stewards of your creation. We also learn, from the Holy Spirit and from our spiritual ancestors, that we have room to grow in faith. Most of all, we learn from your living Word, Jesus the teacher. That story, always fresh, comes to us through teachers in the church. O God, help us to affirm and support them in the ministry of teaching. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

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Jesus Loves Me

C G C F $\frac{F}{C}$ C

1 Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so!
 2 Je - sus loves me, he who died heav-en's gate to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! He will stay close be - side me all the way;

C G C F C $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

Lit - tle ones to him be - long: they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 he's pre - pared a home for me, and some day his face I'll see.

Refrain
C F C $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

C F $\frac{C}{G}$ Am $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Joy for the women and moms in our life!!!!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for James Nelson, Ethel Mesloh, Ryan Birt, Annabelle Wenning, Peg Henschen, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Gracious God, we pray today for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your service. We pray for St. Paul Church. Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they find peace with each other. We pray for your world. Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who suffer from prejudice or greed. May the heart of humanity be warmed by your tenderness. Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all in need because of famine, flood, earthquake or pandemic that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others. Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the land, the sea, the sky—for your whole creation. We pray that we may live with respect for your creation. Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear or loss: may they know our strength and healing power. Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of compassion, into your hands we offer all of our prayers.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN CLASS PRESENTATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 21:1-17 (New Living Translation)

Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. ² Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

³ Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." "We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

⁴ At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. ⁵ He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied.

⁶ Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

⁷ Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. ⁸ The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. ⁹ When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

¹⁰ "Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn't torn.

¹² "Now come and have some breakfast!" Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. ¹⁴ This was the

third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

¹⁵ After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

¹⁶ Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”

“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.

¹⁷ A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.

RESPONSE

Leader: The word of God for the people of God!

People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

Six weeks into the Easter season and we are still rejoicing. We’ve laughed, we’ve sung, we’ve committed ourselves to being the Body of Christ in this community and the surrounding area. We are Jesus People. We are Easter People. We are on-fire for Jesus.

Except when we are not. If the truth were told, there are some days (even some seasons!) in which we struggle to be a follower of Jesus. Sometimes it seems as if our faith is just, **just** out of our grasp. Sometimes we wonder what the resurrection of Jesus might mean for our lives.

Friends, the good news is this: we are not alone. Rev. Becky had a seminary professor who used to call the disciples the Duh-Sciples because over and over again in our gospels, they never seemed to fully grasp who Jesus was. And Simon Peter was no exception.

Before Jesus’ arrest, trial and death, Peter wavered between belief and unbelief. On the night of Jesus’ arrest, Peter denied his connection

to Jesus three (three!) times. And yet, Jesus promised that upon this incredibly fallible disciple, the church would take root and grow.

Today's gospel lesson picks up after Easter. Jesus has risen from the dead. His disciples rejoiced and yet (and yet!) they still didn't know what to do next. So what did they do? They went back to doing that which they knew best: fishing.

What's interesting about this story is that we read that these seasoned fishermen caught nothing at all. As they were heading back to shore, their nets empty, they saw a man standing on the beach, calling out to them. Again, what is interesting is that the disciples, Jesus' closest friends, still did not recognize their Lord.

Jesus called out for the men to throw their nets on the right side of the boat. The men did as instructed and caught a haul of so many fish they could not drag their laden nets into the boat. It is about this time that Simon Peter realized that the man on the beach was Jesus. Completely flustered, he dove into the water and swam to shore.

What Peter found on the beach was Jesus cooking breakfast for his friends. It was at this moment that things took an interesting turn. Remember: on the night of Jesus' arrest, Peter had denied knowing Jesus three times. Three. Now, while Jesus, Peter and the other disciples were eating breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter THREE times: Do you love me?

At times, forgiveness comes in the form of questions asked, "Do you love me?" And each of those three times, Peter answered, "Yes." And each time, Jesus gave Peter his lifelong marching order: feed and care for my sheep.

And that is exactly what Peter did for the rest of his life.

And what of us? Despite the joy of Easter, this past year has been hard. Really hard. Despite the joy of Easter, we might find ourselves wanting to walk away from this resurrection life and go back to the familiar: in the case of the disciples—to go back to their fishing boats.

And yet, Jesus seeks us out no matter which way we turned, wandered, or gotten lost. The risen Christ shows up in our lives when we least expect him—knocking us off our feet and filling our boats with fish.

That, my friends, is good news indeed! We want to be Easter People—to be bathed in resurrection's glory every moment of our lives,

but we get off-track so easily. We build walls against one another. We close our minds to new ideas. We refuse to reach out a helping hand to those in need. We deny hospitality to the stranger. We hurt, with what we say and what we left unsaid, those in our closest circles of love.

Perhaps the most powerful lesson of the Easter Season is one of forgiveness. Christ Jesus forgives us—again and again and again. Therefore, we are called to forgive one another. Again and again and again.

Poet and theologian Ann Weems has written a beautiful poem about today's scripture lesson:

He said, "Feed my sheep."

There were no conditions:

Least of all, Feed my sheep if they deserve it.

Feed my sheep if you feel like it.

Feed my sheep if you have any leftovers.

Feed my sheep if the mood strikes you

If the economy's ok...

If you are not too busy...

No conditions...just, "Feed my sheep."

*Could it be that God's Kingdom will come
when each lamb is fed?*

*We who have agreed to keep covenant
are called to feed sheep*

*even when it means the grazing will be done
on our own front lawns.*

So, my dear ones, let us get out of the boat and share a meal with Christ Jesus who forgives us and feeds us abundantly. Let us get out of the boat and go into the highways and byways of life—reaching out to those in need. Let us get out of the boat and follow Jesus. Amen!

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING SENTENCES: With thankfulness, we give in gratitude and joy. With prayerfulness, we give in sacrifice and love. With hopefulness, we give in commitment to God. Let us give generously and joyfully.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

We praise you, God of love, for your generosity in our lives and the life of the church. Reclaim these gifts you have shared with us to enact your love in words of grace, in acts of healing, forgiveness and peace. Send us out into your world to love as your love, to weep as you weep, to give and to receive your vision of abundance for a world in need of sharing Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

I Love to Tell the Story

I Love to Tell the Story

G G B C G

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

D7 D7/G G D D7

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

D7/G G Em B C C/G G

sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as
 sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from
 glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that

D7 G/D D7 G Refrain D D7 D7/G G G/B C

noth - ing else can do.
 God's own Ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in
 I have loved so long.

WORDS: A. Catherine Hankey (1834-1911)
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer (1835-1912)

HANKEY
 7.6.7.6.D.Ref.

C/G G G/B C G/D D7 G/D G

glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

BENEDICTION: Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good and render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

J=95

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go - ing on your way.

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in — ev - 'ry way.

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our — God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: In Christ, we are a new creation. Let us pass the peace of Christ with each other.

POSTLUDE

Children/Youth Participants

Preschool/Kindergarten Class

Hallie Bushman
Parker Bushman
Maci Lammers
Kale Quellhorst
Kennedy Topp
FaithAnn Voress
Henry Willrath

Levi Bushman
Emma Hartzell
Harper Lomakin
Dominic Topp
Cooper Voress
Hailey Willrath

Youth

Layla Dietrich
Caleb Felver
Jayden Felver
Ava Huber
Emma Lammers
Hunter Metzger
Julia Mullins
Charlotte Nelson
Gavin Quellhorst
Bryce Voress

Leif Dietrich
Greg Felver
Nirvana Hoffmaster
Griffin Huber
Holden Metzger
Mari Ana Muether
Elyssa Mullins
James Nelson
Tyce Quellhorst
Rylee Willrath

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Linda Bushman by the Allen Bushman Family.

Attendance-April 25-Sunday Worship Online-500, In Person-38, Sunday School Online-113, In Person 14, Teachers-7.

Daily Devotions-Please join Rev Becky Monday-Thursday at 11:30am, online via Facebook Live. These will air on our Facebook page: St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

Women's Service Group-will be meeting on Thursday, May 13th at 1:00 pm in the Assembly Room. We will be packing school bags for Church World Service and then will plan our new schedule for the coming year 2021-2022. Will also share our COVID stories. Bring your ideas for service projects and future meetings. All women are invited to attend. Hope to see you there. Bev Plattner

Sundays in May-Sunday School will be in person and via Facebook Live at 9:00am.(Last Day May 16) **Worship** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am.

Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins are available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** box in the upper right hand corner.

May/June Upper Rooms-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Mailbox-There is a mailbox outside of the East Educational Building door for any correspondence you may have for the church and would like to drop off. Please lift the flap and drop through the slot on the top. Thank you!

Blessing Pantry-is located in the North Hallway and accessible by the North door during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm.** The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome – Blessing Pantry Needs-Paper Plates, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toothpaste, Panty Liners, Hand Soap, Diapers (n, 1, 4, 6),** Baby Wipes, Cleaning Supplies, Garbage Bags and Pet Food (Dry & Wet). **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Volunteers Needed-The Blessing Pantry is looking for volunteers to help during the open hours, especially Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Volunteers do not need to be members of St. Paul. For more information, please contact the church office for Ronda Bowlby's (our volunteer coordinator) contact information. Thank you!

May Monthly Mission-The UCC disaster Team is currently supporting long term recovery efforts, such as replacement of burst pipes, restoration of church food pantries and making homes safe again, due to late winter storms that impacted states from Texas to the Carolinas. Filling clean-up buckets and personal care kits are still a very important way of helping in disaster clean-up efforts. The clean-up bucket/supply list has undergone changes. Now, a five-gallon bucket with a resealable lid is used. More supplies are placed in the bucket making the price to fill, a bit more expensive. St Paul can fill the buckets with the funds that we collect or Church World Service will be happy to receive donations to purchase the contents. If sending your donation through St. Paul, please make check out to St. Paul (this way your giving account is credited) and designate bucket supplies. Please consider donating to this cause. Personal care kits are still the same as in the past. Your donations to our May Mission will be appreciated by all who are affected by these disasters. Thank you, the Mission Team

Calendar-Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School-in person & via Facebook Live
	10:15am	Worship-in person& via Facebook Live –children/youth worship
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop Hours New Bremen Coffee Co.
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Afternoon	Office Closed

E-Giving @ St. Paul

3 Different Ways to Give

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

Give+ App – Search “Give Plus Church” in your App store and find St. Paul to Get Started!

Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048

How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25 (minimum amount is \$5.00))

- For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 space pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send)

Once a text amount is sent:

Registration Link- Sent via text the first time a donation is made.
Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

Donation Confirm- Sent via text each time a donation is made.
Thank you for donating \$ (amount)! Text repeat to make this recurring or refund to cancel this donation.

Church World Service-Hygiene Kit

Supplies needed:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32"
(no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

Value: \$15

Processing fee: \$2 per Kit

Church World Service-Emergency Cleanup Buckets

Supplies needed:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Handi Wipes or Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water
- (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new— all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Value: \$75

Processing fee: \$3 per Kit



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